



Carbondale Attendance Center and Santa Fe Trail Junior High

**Board of Education Report**

**March 2019**

**To:** Dr. Steve Pegram, Superintendent and Board of Education

**From:** Mrs. Kristy Hamit, Principal and Mr. TJ Meyer, Assistant Principal/Activities Director

**Date:** February 28, 2019

**Re:** February BOE Report

We are in the transition between seasons but we still have plenty of activities happening at CAC.

**Behaviors:** February has been a tough month. The schedule irregularity has had an effect on student behaviors. Two students served OSS for fighting on a route bus. There have also been 14 instances of disrespect, Chromebook, and cell phone violations.

**Sports:** Junior high boys' basketball season has come to a close. The 7<sup>th</sup>-grade team took second in the league with a record of eight wins and three losses and the 8<sup>th</sup>-graders had five wins and six losses. Track season will begin the first week of March and we are expecting approximately 120 students to participate.

**Scholars Bowl:** Both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students have begun practicing once or twice a week during Charger Time for the scholars bowl events. Their first scheduled competition at Burlington was postponed due to weather. So their first competition for the year took place on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at Wellsville. The 7<sup>th</sup>-grade team finished in second place and the 8<sup>th</sup>-grade team in third. CAC will be hosting a meet on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Music Department:** This year's combined JH/HS music concert took place at CAC on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. The JH choir participated for the first time in the Prairie View Invitational Music Festival on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, students in the JH Musical Theater class have the opportunity to participate in a theater workshop at Johnson County Community College. This is an optional event but we hope to see many kids choose to participate.

This year Santa Fe Trail is hosting the Junior High League Band on Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at SFTHS. We appreciate the Band Boosters helping with the hospitality room and evening dinner for the students.

**FBLA:** In addition to preparing for the State FBLA Conference on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, the JH FBLA is going to sponsor a fundraiser for the March of Dimes. Students can wear pajama pants to school on Friday, March if they bring a donation. The FBLA students also had a couple of half-time activities at the last two home boy's basketball games to raise a bit of money for the cause as well.

**KAY:** The JH KAY is encouraging all students and staff to participate in the “Be the Spark” day by doing something for “60” minutes, seconds, times, etc. on February 27<sup>th</sup>. This activity is to encourage and promote a healthy lifestyle.

**Wright Flight:** All 7<sup>th</sup>-grade students have completed the Wright Flight curriculum and have set their goals. If they pass the final test and reach their goal they qualify to participate in Fly Day which has been set for April 27 at Billard Airport in Topeka.

**Hunter Safety:** We are looking at offering Hunter Safety courses at CAC. There are several possible scenarios that might benefit many of our students. This could be offered as an elective class, after school or weekend opportunity, or possibly during the summer. There are several CAC staff interested in becoming instructors or helping out in some way. Mr. Meyer will provide additional information at the BOE meeting.

**JH Charger Day:** On February 14<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students had a junior high version of a Charger Day. A couple of activities included a counseling session regarding vaping, a Break-Out Edu activity, a community service presentation, a guest speaker from the Carbondale Public Library, and the opportunity to produce some artwork for the PTO Auction. Students responded in the follow-up survey that they enjoyed most of the day and would like to have JH Charger Days in the future.

**Kansas State Assessments:** Upon return from spring break we will begin taking State Assessments. The 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students will kick things off with the ELA assessment on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. All grade-levels at CAC take the ELA and math assessment. Grades five and eight are also administered the Kansas science assessment. Testing should wrap-up the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Additional Upcoming Activities:**

In the fall the journalism and multimedia classes made a trip to KSNT. On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> the spring semester classes will be visiting WIBW to learn more about news broadcasting.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> the Mobile Energy Education Truck sponsored by the Kansas Oil and Gas Resources Fund will be at CAC. Executive Director, Warren Martin, will visit with 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>-grade students. The purpose of KOGRF is to educate Kansans in the vital role the industry plays in advancing our state and sustaining the nation’s energy supply.

March 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, the fourth grade classes will be visiting the One Room Schoolhouse at the Kansas History Museum.

The CAC 5<sup>th</sup>-grade students again have the opportunity to attend STARBASE at Forbes Field. Their first session will be Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.